

OBITUARIES

MALCOM RESIDENT

John Junior Luecht, 83



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A funeral service was held Friday, Oct. 16, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Visitation was on Friday at the Smith Funeral Home with the family greeting friends in the afternoon. Interment with military honors was held at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom immediately following the funeral.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in John's memory to: Mystery Dog Rescue, PO Box 6286, San Antonio, TX 78212. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

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and the Good Conduct Medal. He met his wife, Norma Korthof, in San Francisco, Calif., and they were married on June 25, 1953, in Yuma, Ariz.

After serving in the Navy, John and Norma returned to Iowa and made their home in Malcom. John began his employment with Donaldson's in Grinnell and worked for them as a welder and forklift driver for 40 years.

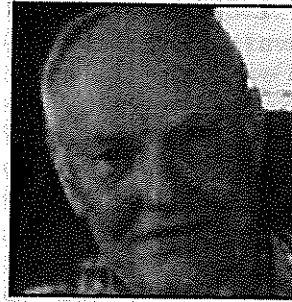
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John was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and two brothers, Richard and Robert.

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